

# OBITUARIES

## Olin Deliese Atwood

July 25, 1918 - Nov. 29, 2004

Olin Deliese Atwood, 86, father of Dr. Karen Aldridge, died in Hill City on Nov. 29.

Mr. Atwood was born July 25, 1918, in Gordon, Neb., the only son of Richard Garland and Cynthia Celia (Short) Atwood.

He was raised on the family farm in Antelope County, Neb., attending country school until eighth grade, and graduating from Neligh High School in 1936. He attended Minnesota Bible College and graduated with a degree in ministry in 1940. He received his masters of divinity degree from Cincinnati Bible Seminary in Ohio. He and his family ministered to numerous Christian Church congregations in Minnesota, Indiana, Kentucky, Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming. He spent the last 16 years of his ministry teaching New Testament and church history at Platt Valley Bible College in Scottsbluff, Neb.

He and Deloris Ethel Neal were high school and college classmates. They married on June 4, 1940, in Neligh. They celebrated

their 64th wedding anniversary in June.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an older sister, Lucile.

Survivors include: his wife, Deloris, Hill City; a son, Leon and Diane Atwood, Lander, Wyo.; two daughters, Karen and Jerry Aldridge, Hill City; Aileen and Cal Couch, Havre, Mont.; five grandchildren; seven great-grandsons; and two step-great-granddaughters.

At his request, he was buried privately at Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Hill City with a memorial service scheduled at 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 18 at Hill City Christian Church.

Memorials may be made to Platte Valley Bible College in Scottsbluff; Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch in St. Ignatius, Mont., or Riverside Church of Christ in Torrington, Wyo. Contributions may be sent in care of Hill City Christian Church, 122 N. Pomeroy, Hill City, Kan. 67642.

## Artha Joyce Griffey

Sept. 8, 1935 - Dec. 6, 2004

Artha Joyce Billips was born on Sept. 8, 1935, to Virgil P. and Enid I. (Hunter) Billips at the Hunter Farm, one and one-half miles southeast of Edmond, Kansas.

Her earthly battle with ovarian cancer came to a close while being surrounded by her loving family in Hays, Kan., on Dec. 6, 2004, at 3:50 a.m.

"Artie" graduated from Edmond High School. She married Burton Griffey, her one and only love, on June 10, 1952. After Burton's discharge from the Army in 1954, they started farming south of Edmond on the Billips farm, later to become the Griffey farm. "Artie" and Burton reared three daughters and one son.

"Artie" was a successful homemaker who loved taking care of her family. She sewed most of her young daughters' clothes, loved cooking big meals, and grew a big garden every summer. She was active in the Edmond Christian Church, where she played the piano every Sunday for many years.

Later in life, she became interested in family genealogy and learned how to use a computer to conduct research, which she found fun and rewarding.

"Artie" was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 1999. Aided by her faith and support from many

family and friends, she battled her illness with characteristic dignity and grace.

She is survived by her husband, Burton (Hays), her daughters Cindy Bauer (Hays), Gwen Buscher and husband Brad (Overland Park), Carolyn Long and husband Gary (Hill City), and her son Randall Griffey (Kansas City, Mo.); her grandchildren, Tara Bauer (Lakewood, Colo.) and her fiancée Ben Comerchi, Tessa Bauer (Hays), Amanda and Jordan Buscher (Overland Park), and Adam and Traci Long (Hays). She is also survived by three sisters, Paula Smith (Sun City West, Ariz.), Doris Minks (Hays), and Wava Reed (Hays), in addition to numerous nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Arrangements will be made by Spencer-Stinemetz Chapel in Hill City. Visitation will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hill City on Thursday, Dec. 9, beginning at 1 p.m. to be followed by the funeral at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Graham County Community Foundation Theatre Project or Celebration Community Church in Hays.

*Paid for by the family of Artha Griffey.*

# Childhood doll was friend for life

## Collector Chat Liza Deines



Ask any female from 8 to 80 to tell you when and how they received their favorite doll and chances are very good you'll hear a story that will bring a little twing to your heart and maybe a tear to your eye.

Now I'm not talking here about fancy, expensive collector dolls although dolls are one of the most loved collectibles around.

No, I'm thinking about the year you got the Betsy Wetsy that you'd looked at for so long in the Sears catalog that the page was grubby and tattered.

Or if you were a 50s girl, maybe it was that very first Barbie with the little pink suitcase full of tiny shoes, itsy bitsty tops and shorts, pearl earrings and mini headbands. Some, like my granddaughter, cherished dolls that looked and felt like real babies; others coveted those funny Cabbage Patch critters that caused shopping mall riots a few years back.

For me, it was Marjorie Jean.

You never heard of a Marjorie Jean doll? Well, folks that was back in the good old days when you got to name your doll yourself, rather than the manufacturer naming it for you.

Marjorie Jean came to live with me the year I was 4, ostensibly as a Christmas reward for not sucking my thumb for three months prior to the holiday.

She was the loveliest doll ever with a wig of real hair, amber brown go-to-sleep eyes, a red cupid's bow mouth partially open to show tiny pearly teeth and a red velvet tongue.

My loving and talented sister had made her an entire wardrobe that included a pink satin and black velvet evening gown with designer hat, purse and cape, which she wore for Christmas presentation. She also owned a ruffly white crepe bridal outfit with Mama's crochet trimming all the edges, a baby blue flannel nightie, and a darling red plaid rain cape. The rain cape was actually purchased and had little red rubber boots and a real folding umbrella. Was I a happy little girl that Christmas?

Some ordinary dolls from the 30s, 40s and 50s have become valuable collector items over the years as well as maintaining their place in their owners' hearts.

Effanbee dolls date from about 1910, and are highly sought after since few made it through the years. Any black doll is a collector item in several categories and genuine Indian leather dolls and

oriental dolls from early years make a collector smile.

French fashion dolls are too rare out in our area to rate much discussion but china head dolls with cloth bodies and china hands and feet can still be found, although may be in restored condition.

Look for original clothes and shoes, good solid fingers and toes, original hair and no damage to tiny ears when looking at adopting a little dear.

There are super expensive collector dolls such as Barbies and cartoon characters, movie star dolls, and fairy tale characters. German and French, wax and china, fashion dolls and porcelain ladies can bring over \$2,000, dependent on age and condition, but even little shabby dollies were valuable to someone who loved and cuddled them.

My daughter snuggled her plush clown doll until it was so dirty we had to burn it. She didn't value her Chatty Cathy nearly as much and today's it's a hot shot collectible. Expressive eyes on Campbell Kids, Raggedy Anns and Andys and Rose O'Neil's adorable Kewpie dolls enchanted everyone.

Long before Barbie the 40s brought us the Teri Lee doll with washable hair... well, the list is just too long for the column.

When choosing your Christmas gifts for little girls this year consider a plain, old-fashioned doll over some of those snazzy new electronic items. I guarantee she will last longer and hopefully will not need batteries within 45 minutes of being unwrapped. And maybe she will be fortunate enough to be loved.

I still have and love Marjorie Jean, despite the fact that most of her wardrobe went with the tornado and her hair is now matted, her complexion a little mottled and her joints are coming apart. You know, somehow similar things have happened to her owner.

SECRET CLUE: Marjorie Jean was named after a Hill City neighbor friend who is now a Norton resident. She uses her middle name now but still looks like my Marjorie Jean. Can you figure out who it is?

## Erna (Nelson) Cook

June 25, 1913 - Dec. 2, 2004

Erna Phyllis Claire (Nelson) Cook, 91, formerly of Almena, died Dec. 2, at her home in Lexington, Mo.

She was born June 25, 1913, in Norton to Ernest E. and Vinna Claire (Eakin) Nelson.

She graduated from high school in Almena, and attended the University of Kansas, Lawrence, where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority.

On June 3, 1935, she married Phillip Haller Cook in Almena and they moved to Missouri.

She was a member of the Lexington United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women, the Tuesday Night Bridge Club and the Sunday Night Couples Bridge Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Judge Phil Cook.

Survivors include a son, David, and Deborah Cook, Lexington; Judith and Dr. Paul Watkins, Pauls Valley, Okla.; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Walker Nadler Fuller Funeral Home, Lexington. Burial was in the Machpelah Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Lexington United Methodist Church in care of Walker-Nadler-Fuller Funeral Home, 1720 South St., Lexington, Mo. 64067.

## DEATH NOTICE

### Kevin M. Whitney

Kevin M. Whitney, 49, Norton, son of Ed and Joan Whitney, died Monday at Norton County Hospital.

Parish wake services will be at 7 p.m., Friday at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

Memorials have been established in his name to Norton County Hospital, 102 E. Holme, Norton, Kan. 67654 and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 108 S. Wabash, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin, is in charge of the arrangements.

## READERS

Jessica Duscher, daughter of Joel and Lori Duscher, Norton, and Justin Shirk, son of Lamont and Pam Shirk, Norton, were among the more than 300 high school seniors who competed for scholarships at Wichita State University's Distinguished Scholarship Invitational this fall.

— **10-week Archery League begins Jan. 3. Call 877-3253. 12/7**

Winners of the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce 12 Days of Christmas drawing were Friday, Joyce Kingham, \$100, *The Norton Telegram*; and Monday, John Arford, \$100, Artline Graphics. There will be a total of

11 \$100 winners and eight \$250 winners.

— **Steak and seafood night, Thursday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 12/7**



## Carolyn R. Ward

April 17, 1932 - Nov. 28, 2004

Carolyn R. Ward, 72, former area resident, died Nov. 28 at her Lenexa home.

Mrs. Ward was born April 17, 1932, at Almena, to Thomas and Ferry (Keckley) Bartley.

She graduated from Almena Rural High School.

She married Don D. Ward in Norton. They celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary this year.

She was a homemaker and assisted in the family businesses from selling ladies ready-to-wear to working as a social editor and columnist in a weekly newspaper while raising three sons.

Preceding her in death were her

parents, a brother, a sister and her oldest son, Craig. D. Ward.

She is survived by her husband, Don of the home; sons Wade Ward and his wife, Dr. Estelle Toby Goldstein, San Diego, Calif.; Bart and Sharol Ward, Roeland Park; daughter-in-law Joy Jernberg, Burton; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family held a private service to celebrate her life at the Bart Ward home.

The family suggests memorials to Crossroads Hospice or Delmar Gardens of Lenexa in care of Don Ward, 9701 Monrovia St., Lenexa, Kan. 66215.

## CORRECTION

In the Dec. 3 edition of *The Norton Telegram*, it was reported that the Senior Citizen Christmas Party was hosted by the Norton Senior Center. The party was actually sponsored by the St. Francis of Assisi Altar Society. This was a reporting error.

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The Norton Telegram will correct or clarify anything that is wrong in a news story. Call our office at 877-3361 to report errors. We believe news stories should be fair and factual, and want you to tell us about any failure to live up to this standard.

## MARKETS

At close of business Dec. 6

Wheat .....	\$3.12
White Wheat .....	\$3.10
Milo .....	\$2.84
Corn .....	\$1.82
Soybeans .....	\$4.73

**Kevin Lentz Benefit**  
**Sunday, December 12 - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
**St. Francis Parish Hall, Norton**  
**Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup, Roll, Relish and Dessert**

Free Will Donations Accepted to help defray expenses incurred by Kevin's treatment for Hodgskin's Disease. Other donations may be sent to First State Bank, Kevin Lentz Fund, PO Box 560, Norton, KS 67654

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**Ideas from Pure Prairie**

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Let's Get **"The Rock" Rollin'!**

There is a community wide effort to establish a non-profit Christian Youth Center called **"The Rock"** in the Norton Area

*First Chance — Last Chance*

to participate in a special vehicle donation program to benefit the youth center

This is your **FIRST CHANCE** to donate to **"The Rock"** Christian Youth Center

This is Your **LAST CHANCE** to donate vehicles as mentioned below under existing tax laws

Now through the end of the year we can accept your cars, trucks, motorcycles, ATVs, boats and tractors as a donation and you get a great tax write off, but all this changes January 1, 2005. See your tax advisor for details.

At a later date a charitable organization vehicle auction will be held and the proceeds go to support the youth center.

For more information see [www.discovernorton.com](http://www.discovernorton.com) or call Trent Richmond (Daytime) 877-4016; Kurt Mann 877-3980; Pat Douglas 877-3125; Bill Johnson 877-2326 or Cody Shepherd 877-5661